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South Richmond

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Dear Secretary:

On Sunday, June 17th, we aired our first television ministry program, The Empowerment Hour on Channel 13, WUPV CW TV in Richmond, Virginia, 9:30AM – 10:00AM. The television broadcast is exactly 28 minutes and 30 seconds long. I am requesting a Waiver Undue Burden exemption from the Closed Captioning rules.

First Baptist Church of South Richmond is a 186 year-old congregation. We currently minister in the Blackwell community, a depressed area in Richmond, Virginia. In recent years, we noticed a decline in baptisms and visitors to our worship service. As a result we seeded a new ministry in Chesterfield County, just outside of the city of Richmond and believe the television ministry will allow our message to reach out to the Richmond Community.

We have researched the cost of bids for closed captioning and found the fee to be about \$250 per episode. The cost of our weekly broadcast is \$700 plus \$300 to edit the program, bringing the total cost to \$1250 per week. The additional fees place an undue burden on our congregation and could possibly affect our ability to remain on the air as we have weekly costs associated with holding the service in Chesterfield. We currently rent a High School auditorium and incur truck rental expenses to move equipment between locations.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dwight C. Jones